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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: BEXP

SUBJ: MARINE EXPOSITION ADVANCE MAN, GUY WILLETTS

REF: MANAMA 0114 AND PREVIOUS

- 1. MR. WILLETTS ARRIVED IN KUWAIT 21 JANUARY AND, ACCORDING TO HIS ACCOUNT, SPENT THAT EVENING HOBNOBBING WITH HIGHLEVEL KUWAITIS. TO ROUND OUT HIS "HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS", HE ARRIVED MORNING OF 22 JANUARY AT EMBASSY WHERE COMMERCIAL OFFICER RECEIVED HIM.
- 2. MR. WILLETTS WAS INFORMED THAT HE WOULD NEED A KUWAITI UNCLASSIFIED

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SPONSOR TO BRING AN EXPOSITION INTO THE COUNTRY OR INTO THE PORT. HE REPLIED THAT KUWAIT AIRLINES HAD PROMISED TO SPONSOR THE EVENT. HE BRUSHED ASIDE OUR MENTION THAT KUWAIT AIRLINES HAD ALSO SPONSORED THE IOWA TRADE MISSION IN OCTOBER 1975 WHICH MET WITH DIFFICULTIES THAT COST THE EMBASSY CONSIDERABLE TIME AND EFFORT TO SET ARIGHT. MR. WILLETTS WAS ADAMENT ON HIS CHOICE, AND PROUD OF HIS SELEC-

TION OF AN EGYPTIAN TRANSLATOR (OSTENSIBLY THE CHIEF TRANSLATOR FOR OPEC) TO ENSURE THAT BROCHURES AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS ARE PRINTED IN THE PROPER ARABIC DIALET OF THE PORTS VISITED. MR. WILLETTS ALSO EXPOUNDED AT LENGTH ABOUT THE "GRANDUR" WITH WHICH THIS EXPOSITION WOULD BE CARRIED OUT.

3. EMBASSY ALSO INFORMED WILLETTS OF THE SEVERE TOTAL PORT CONGESTION (2-3 MONTHS DELAYS), AND THE COMPLICATED BUREAUCRATIC PROCESS NECESSARY BOTH FOR APPROVAL OF HIS EXPOSITION BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND FOR ALLOTMENT OF A BERTH TO HIS VESSEL BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS.

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